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Inspector General Stresses Prevention; Asks Grantee Directors to be Her “Early Warning System”

Jeffrey, a former Washington lawyer with expertise in loss prevention and risk management, urged the audience to “be [her] partners in preventing waste or fraud.” “The good news,” she said, “is that these problems are avoidable” with careful grant management and good record-keeping. She urged them to “be an early warning system” and to “speak up if you see something that looks wrong or dishonest.”

Jeffrey addressed the annual AmeriCorps State and National grantee meeting, this year titled “Building on Excellence” and held from September 18 – 20, 2012, at the Washington Hilton in Washington D.C. The meeting is the Corporation’s annual conference with AmeriCorps grantee executive directors where CNCS presents information regarding new grant requirements and policies, and information on compliance, oversight and grants management. Workshops provided this year covered such topics as “Prohibited Activities” “Criminal History Checks” and “Programmatic and Fiscal Monitoring of Subgrantees.”

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